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A FALLING BLOW. [William Freeland.] he blow is falling! Let it fall-Even death were no calamity; od wot, why should we whine or call? n not hurt our souls at all,

Since we are free. little less of earthly things. less favor of the world have we; What then, proud man? The rede still Timot the crown that maketh kings,

But being free. hen let the blow fall! What if it Should lay us prone, both you and me? DLord of wings, give us the wit To soar heaven-high, though low we sit,

Content and free. To toil, to suffer, to live unknown-What matter, if brave men we be? Why, we can live and make no moan, And, dying, feel the grave a throne, Divinely free.

> Pen Portrait of Tom Moore. [Temple Bar.]

In appearance Moore was not imposing. He was very small. Nugee, the fashiona ble tailor of his day, told him, "There's not much of you, sir, and therefore my bject must be to make the most of you Ican." Moore thought an artist could not produce a good portrait of him owing to the difficulty of catching "my mobility of character in my round potato ace." His restlessness was extreme. berald Griffin depicts him as "a little man, but full of spirits, with eyes. hands, feet and frame forever in motion, looking as if it would be a feat for him to sit for three minutes quiet in his chair. " Luttrell told Moore that he was "like a little bright ever-moving ball of quicksilver; fit still eludes you, and it glitters still." A small volume, published in New York, contains a letter from Mr. John O'Driscol to Mr. Power, describing Moore when he visited Cork in 1823. He was

then standing on the river's bank, about toembark for Cove. "As you well know, Moore dresses with with peculiar neatness, and looked that morning, I think, particularly well in his smart white hat, kid gloves, brown frockcoat, yellow cassimere waistcoat, gray duck trousers, and blue silk handkerchief carelessly secured in front by a silver pin; he carried a boat cloak on one arm, and walked with a brown silk umbrella, for which, however, he had no requirement, as the morning was bright, balmy, and beautiful—'quite beautiful,' as he himself

Rarest and Most Beautiful Fur. [Cor. American Field.]

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